

PROP 82 PRESCHOOL EDUCATION. TAX ON INCOMES OVER \$400,000 FOR INDIVIDUALS; \$800,000 FOR COUPLES. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND STATUTE. ★ ★ ★

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION 82

IMPROVE OUR SCHOOLS. VOTE YES ON 82—PRESCHOOL FOR ALL.

California's teachers say Prop. 82:

- Strengthens elementary and K–12 education
- Provides a high-quality preschool education for every four-year old in California
- Helps more children learn to read by the third grade
- Increases parental involvement and allows parents to choose preschools
- Helps reduce dropout rates so more kids graduate high school
- Reduces crime by keeping kids off the street and out of trouble
- Invests in a better-educated workforce for a stronger economy
- Expands teacher training and recruitment
- Protects taxpayers with strict financial controls

CALIFORNIA'S TEACHERS SAY PROP. 82 IMPROVES EDUCATION BY HELPING CHILDREN LEARN TO READ.

Studies show that children who go to preschool are more likely to be able to read by the third grade and therefore, more likely to succeed in school.

That's because children who know how to read by third grade can use their reading skills to learn faster in their other classes.

Right now, only one in five children in California goes to a quality preschool program, and California ranks 45th out of 50 states in reading.

PROP. 82 PROVIDES ACCESS TO A QUALITY, VOLUNTARY PRESCHOOL FOR ALL FOUR-YEAR OLDS.

By providing preschools that teach children earlier, when their brains are developing rapidly, and making sure parents are involved, teachers say Prop. 82 will help more children learn to read and give all our kids a chance to succeed.

That's why California's teachers, including preschool teachers, kindergarten teachers, elementary school teachers, and more than 300,000 local classroom teachers say vote YES on 82.

CALIFORNIA'S POLICE CHIEFS SAY PROP. 82 HELPS CUT CRIME.

Today, nearly one out of three children in California drops out of school.

But studies show that preschool can help kids stay in school and stay out of trouble with crime, drugs, and gangs.

That's why the California Police Chiefs Association says Yes on 82.

PROTECT CALIFORNIA TAXPAYERS

Prop. 82 has no cost for 99.4% of California taxpayers. With strict financial accountability safeguards, Prop. 82 puts taxpayers in control.

- Establishes a dedicated preschool fund that can only be spent to provide preschool
- Requires annual independent audits
- Provides for criminal penalties for misuse of funds, including possible jail time

INVEST IN OUR CHILDREN AND OUR FUTURE

For every dollar we invest in preschool, studies show we get more money back—from savings on reduced remedial education, lower dropout rates, and the economic benefits of a better-educated workforce.

Better-educated children get better jobs, and a better-educated workforce strengthens California's economy for the future.

That's why business leaders, the Los Angeles and San Francisco Chambers of Commerce, the California Teachers Association, the California Head Start Association, the California Police Chiefs Association, the Congress of California Seniors, Republicans and Democrats, including Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, former Education Secretary Dick Riordan, and U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein say vote Yes on 82. www.YesOn82.com.

YES on 82—INVEST IN OUR CHILDREN. IMPROVE OUR SCHOOLS.

BARBARA E. KERR, President
California Teachers Association

STEVE KRULL, President
California Police Chiefs Association

EDWARD CONDON, Executive Director
California Head Start Association

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION 82

We all want to improve our schools and help kids learn, but Proposition 82 is the *wrong approach*.

TAKE THE TIME TO READ THE FINE PRINT OF THE INITIATIVE AND DECIDE FOR YOURSELF.

- We don't need to spend \$2.4 billion a year to increase preschool attendance by a few percent. *\$2.4 billion is enough to send \$8,400 to each and every K–12 classroom in California EVERY YEAR.* Think about the supplies and books that would buy!
- Hidden in the fine print of Proposition 82 is a provision to allow the Legislature to impose a fee on parents if this program costs more than expected. Politicians in Sacramento could also raise taxes on all of us to fill the gap.

IF WE REALLY WANT TO IMPROVE STUDENT LEARNING, LET'S START BY IMPROVING K–12 SCHOOLS.

"Targeting resources and attention on those grades where children are taught the skills they need for the rest of their life should be our priority now. Let's improve K–12 schools

before we spend \$2.4 billion on an unproven new preschool bureaucracy."

Terry Hamilton, Sixth Grade Teacher, Duarte

PROP. 82 IS A BAD DEAL FOR TAXPAYERS.

The Proposition 82 "system" is modeled after the same inefficient bureaucracy running K–12 schools, with three layers of bureaucracy and administration. There is a good chance costs will be more than supporters estimate.

JOIN TEACHERS, EDUCATORS, PARENTS, THE CALIFORNIA CHAMBER AND LOCAL CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE, TAXPAYERS, AND SENIORS IN VOTING "NO" ON PROPOSITION 82. VISIT: www.NoProp82.org

LARRY MCCARTHY, President
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